

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2004 (Paper No. 8) in which claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e). As stated by the Examiner the applied reference (U.S. Patent 6,404,752) and the instant application have common inventors. Therefore, the rejection can be overcome by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventors of the present application.

In response, Declarations, under 37 CFR 1.132, complying with the Examiner's statement are filed herewith. As a consequence U.S. Patent 6,404,752 is removed as a reference and the allowance of claims 1-20 is earnestly solicited.

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